(*a*) the cost of 'ascu' treating one cubic foot of any timber;

(*b*) the depth of the penetration of the solution into the timber:

(*c*) whether the Government had agreed to remunerate Mr. Kamesam for every cubic foot of timber ascued;

(*d*) if the answer to part (*c*) is in the affirmative, the amount so paid up-to-date;

(*e*) whether the amount paid to him for the use of his patent is exclusive of this amount;

(*f*) the quantity of ascu-treated-timber sold outside Travancore; and

(*g*) the quantity of ascu-treated-timber sold inside Travancore?

DR. S. K. PILLAI: (*a*) 4 as. per C. ft.

(*b*) Varies with the species of timber.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) and (*e*) These do not arise in view of answer to part (*c*).

(*f*) 1583 teak poles.

(*g*) (1) Teak poles 5696.
(2) Junglewood poles 675.
(3) Casuarina fence posts 562.
(4) Ceiling planks sq. ft. 21,614
(5) Other treated timber materials C. ft. 4428.

Ascu-treated timber.

236. ✱ **MR K. R. NARAYANAN:** Will the Government be pleased to state the quantity of ascu-treated timber in the possession of Government at present and the expenditure incurred on this treatment?

DR. S. K. PILLAI: 30,000 Cubic feet approximately.
Rs. 8,800 approximately.

MR. G. VELU PILLAI: Will the honourable member be pleased to state how long this has been in the possession of Government?

DR. S. K. PILLAI: Sir, I claim notice.

MR. G. VELU PILLAI: May I know whether any ascu-treatment was carried on after Dr. Kamesam had left this place?

DR. S. K. PILLAI: Yes.

Pallickal Thodu.

237. ✱ **MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any action was taken for deepening the Pallickal thodu in Vettikottu Punja in the Mavelikara taluk; and

(*b*) if not, the reason for the same?

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR: (*a*) No.

(*b*) Deepening of the thodu was found to be not necessary, as the level of the thodu is lower than that of the adjoining paddy fields in most places.

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